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As an interested observer of the case against Microsoft, I am still, after all the years the DOJ has spent litigating this case, trying to determine where I, as a consumer, have been harmed by the business tactics of Microsoft.

When Microsoft began producing their products, they met, and continue to meet, all of my desires for efficiency and productivity in the "home computing" area. The mainframe platform is easy to use and allows me to navigate whether I'm at home, traveling, or visiting locally. The convenience of "integration" of their products has been a blessing to my computing needs, not a hindrance.

If the firms of "Silicon Valley" are unable to compete against the Microsoft products, it isn't due to Microsoft's products, but rather their own inefficient systems that cause the marketplace not to purchase them. Rather than whining and run crying to the DOJ, Silicon Valley should invest in the personnel and R&D to really compete. After all, that's the American System - Competition! Microsoft may not always compete fairly, but that's business, as much as it is in life everywhere. Can you imagine if the San Francisco Giants were told not to put Barry Bonds into their lineup against Toronto, because Barry hits too many home runs! If you want to play the game, then compete, don't ask for someone else to lower the quality of the competition!

Bring this case to a close now with this pending agreement. Our nation needs to get back to the job of growing the economy, and as can plainly be seen, the financial health of the nation has gone downhill since this case began. It's time to end it now.

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